

# Increasing Number of Taxpayers Must Seek Help With Statements

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT  
Taxpayers by the millions now preparing their annual returns are utilizing more than the inkwell and the aspirin bottle in tackling his burdensome chore. They are turning in increasing numbers to private consulting firms that do the job for a price.

Tightening of the income tax laws in the past few years, coupled with the possibility that government tax men seem ever more likely to crack down in such areas as income from investments, has sharply increased John Q. Taxpayer's concern that his report be correct. This has meant hundreds of thousands more customers for the service firms that in the past had catered mainly to upper-income people with complicated finances.

ONE NEW YORK outfit reveals that it expects to help 20,000 taxpayers with their returns this year — up about 20 per cent over last year. In smaller cities the pattern's the same, as even bank clerks and service station operators have become sufficiently concerned that they'll pay a small extra sum to be on the right side of the law.

The cost to the taxpayer starts as low as \$2—for filling out the short form of return. From that level, it can run as high as \$1,000 for the very affluent. That tab includes, usually, a few lengthy conferences to help the individual plan his financial moves this year to maximize savings on his tax.

GAS EQUIPMENT BUILD-UP—American industry is beginning to do something about its more-than-\$100-billion backlog of obsolete processing equipment.

Joseph J. Decker, newly elected president of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, reports that receipts of orders for gas heat-treating equipment used in metal, chemical, plastics, textile, glass and other industrial operations is "on the increase."

Member firms of GAMA's industrial equipment division attribute part of the gain to the government's liberalized depreciation allowances for industrial modernization and replacement.

DECKER, who also is president of the American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.'s plumbing and heating division, expects an over-all gain in sales of gas residential, commercial and industrial appliances and equipment during 1963 of "at least seven per cent."

Replacement of obsolete home appliances will figure prominently in what promises to be a record home-modernization year, the GAMA president says. In addition, construction of new homes should remain at or near the 1962 level. A "sizeable" rise in LP (bottled) gas appliance sales in rural and suburban areas also will contribute to the gain, Decker predicts.

TILE RECORD — Despite a 80-year in the housing industry, the market demand for ceramic tile set a new record in 1962, primarily due to increased acceptance of tile as a colorful, durable, easy-to-care-for surfacing material.

The Tile Council of America, trade association of leading ceramic tile manufacturers, has reported demand for ceramic tile reached 343 million square feet in 1962. This compares to some 293 million square feet in 1961—and to a previous record total of 305 million square feet in 1959.

New installation products—including "dry-set" cement adhesives and epoxy resin mortars — also have contributed

to increased tile usage. Dry-Sets, so called because tile need not be soaked before it is installed, have gained rapidly in popularity throughout the tile industry. The Tile Council estimates 150 million square feet of tile was installed with the Dry-Set system in 1962.

"There is every indication that the popularity of ceramic tile, used both inside and outside the home and in commercial, business and industrial applications, will continue through 1963," the Tile Council says. "New colors, sizes and shapes — plus new installation methods that reduce costs — will contribute materially to this increasing popularity."

THINGS TO COME—A bakery firm has come up with something new and exotic in the fancy foods line: champagne-flavored biscuits, specially packaged to retain the flavor and taste... An automatic engine starter for small gasoline engines is being offered to replace the more traditional hand cranks and pull cords for lawn mowers, outboards and the like. A powerful spring operates the starter... A sporting goods firm has developed a completely new golf ball featuring a one-piece cover, said to increase its life and durability.

EASTER OUTLOOK — The retail world's outlook for Easter has suddenly turned as bright as a blossoming crocus. Until last week, severe weather had given store operators a dour mein. They also noted that Easter this year (April 14) falls a week earlier than in 1962 — meaning fewer shopping days during potentially good weather. Just recently

the weather switched, in most areas, to fair-and-mild, sparking an upturn in store traffic. In women's apparel particularly the outlook is helped further by bright new colors being heavily promoted by manufacturers.

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## ... College

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at Sepulveda and Crenshaw could be transferred with clear title to the state for \$4,900,000 with the CWOD retaining mineral rights for off-site drilling. The 120-acre site, which would add another parcel at the northwest corner of the first site, was offered for \$5,860,000.

Mayor Isen and other councilmen termed the offer a significant gesture on the part of the company, and said it would mean that Torrance now could present a new package to the state in its bid to obtain the college in this area.

Charity is the virtue of the heart, and not of the hands.—Joseph Addington.

## Cub Pack 966-C

Awards for achievements were presented at the March meeting of Cub Scout Pack 966-C. The meeting was held at the Meadow Park School. George Schindler, cubmaster, presented the registration cards and awards to the boys. Bobcat pins were presented to Michael Thuresson, Michael McAdow and Mark Hanks.

Receiving badges were Mark Kerstiens, Wolf badge; Curtiss Narr, Bear badge; and Robert Ford, John Batty and Chris Williams, Lion badges. Denner stripes were given to Kelly Smith, Howard Kells and Buddy Little.

MIKE KELLEY, Robert Armour, Eddie Bryant and Kent Ronning received assistant denner stripes, while Silver arrows were presented to John Pierce, Chris Williams, Paul Ronning, Richard Kay, Robert

Karli, Cody Leavitt and Dennis James.

Dennis James, Howard Kells, John Batty, Jim Bowman, Steve Mullen, Chris Williams, Kent Ronning, Paul Ronning, and Robert Ford were presented one Gold Arrow. Chris Williams also received his one-year pin.

Two-year pins were presented to Chris Williams and Robert Rankin, and three-year pins went to Mark Schindler and Greg Windley.

Graduation certificates and the Arrow of Light Award were presented to Robert Rankin, Mark Schindler and Greg Windley.

The Webelo Den won the attendance banner. The annual pinewood derby closed the meeting. Winners in the derby were Michael Sober, Paul Brady and Michael Sanders.

## ... Police

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trict Attorney refused to issue a complaint.

Detectives said the burglary ring has been operating in Torrance, Gardena, and Redondo Beach and adjacent county

areas for several weeks. They are believed to have taken nearly \$6,000 from markets, service stations, and cafes in the area. The gang commonly gained entrance by ramming their car against service station doors, or by twisting entire door lock assemblies off with a heavy wrench.

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